

Weekly Status & Information Report: May 9 - 13, 2011

1. **Bulk Buy Tree Deadline:** The deadline for ordering your tree is Friday, May 13. Orders received, with payment, by Monday, May 16 will be accepted. See the list of available tree types in the May newsletter, page 12. All trees are 2-inch caliper, nursery stock, installed and warranted for 1 year, for a price of \$195 plus 6% tax. *(Public Works)*

2. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of May 16, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue
- Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee meeting, Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information.

(City Clerk)

3. **Ward 6 Residents - Join the City Council Monday Evening:** Residents of Ward 6 are invited to a reception on Monday, May 16, from 7:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Lobby. A special Ward 6 public comment session will be held at the beginning of the City Council meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. Residents who have questions may contact their City Councilmember or Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk at 301-891-7267, jessiec@takomagov.org.
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4. **Points of View Opening Reception - Friday, May 13:** Two artists, two media, two artistic visions - printmaker Norman Strike and photographer Rob Rudick. Opening reception will be held in the Atrium Gallery at the Takoma Park Community Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. this Friday. Exhibit will be on display through May 28. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. **Redevelopment Equity in the Sector Plan Meeting Tuesday, May 17 (Ward 6):** Staff will take residents through the recommendations contained in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan and discuss what they mean. Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 PM, Lilac Room, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. **Third Thursday Reading - May 19:** Join us on Thursday, May 19 for an hour of original work by poets Michele Wolf, Michael Gavin and Takoma Park Poet Laureate Anne Becker. Moderated by Martin FitzPatrick, the reading begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. **Crossroads Farmers Market Opening Day Wednesday, May 18 (City-wide):** Join the Crossroads Farmer's Market for opening day of this popular community market in it's fifth season! Buy from local farmers, bakers, artisans, and musicians! Fun activities for kids! Accepts EBT, WIC FMNP, and also provides matching dollars for fresh food. 2:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 7676 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

www.thecrossroadsfarmersmarket.org (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. **Music Next Week:** Tom Prasada Rao will be performing on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Institute of Musical Traditions at www.imtfolk.org for tickets. Also, on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m., Hungry for Music presents a concert for the kids (and their parents) with music by the RTT's & the Grandsons, Jr. Tickets available at www.hungryformusic.org. Both concerts will be held in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. There is an admission fee for both concerts. (*Housing and Community Development*)

9. **Public Hearing - Takoma/Langley Sector Plan May 24 (Ward 6):** The Montgomery County Council will be holding a Public Hearing on May 24 in Rockville to hear comments on the May 2010 draft of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan. To sign up to testify, call 240-777-7803. For more information, see: <http://www.thenewwave.com/development/visions-and-plans/tlc-sector-plan-county-council-review>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

10. **Financial Management Classes:** Response to the financial management classes offered by the Housing and Community Development Department's staff has been extremely positive. Participants in Wednesday's Credit Management class reported that "the program is inspirational and informational." "It's a wonderful initiative and I found it absolutely valuable and beneficial." "This class was excellent and very helpful. I was impressed." Now is the time to think about your future and how you can save, no matter what your income. The next class, "Getting to Know the Financial YOU" will be held on Wednesday, May 25 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Two subsequent classes, "Changing the Way You Think About \$" and "Thinking Like an Investor" will be held on June 8 and June 22. Class size is limited so pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7222. (*Housing and Community Development*)

11. **Urban Design Guidelines Meeting Canceled (Ward 6):** The Planning Board session on the Urban Design Guidelines scheduled for next week was canceled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. (*Housing and Community Development*)

12. **City's Main Street Facade Grant Maxed Out (Ward 1):** After a hugely successful introductory meeting to the City's Main Street Facade Grant, the City received more requests for matching dollars than available funds! Over the next weeks, applications will be reviewed for completeness, advancement of the goals of the program, and ability to implement the project to determine appropriateness for funding. (*Housing and Community Development*)

13. **New Hampshire Avenue Greening and Beautification Grants (Ward 2, 3, 6):** Two grants were awarded for greening and beautification activities: one for trees and a footpath by the IHOP, and one for perennials and bushes to be added to the Erskine Gateway and Sligo Creek Park Gardens. (*Housing and Community Development*)

14. **5K in First Lady's Blog (City-wide):** Takoma Park and the Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge received a full write-up on Michelle Obama's Let's Move website blog this week: <http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2011/05/09/community-running-festival-gets-kids-moving-keeps-them-moving>. The event, which supports walking and bicycle health and safety activities at

area schools was a huge success with over 700 registrants. (*Housing and Community Development*)

15. Updated Bus Maps and Schedules (City-Wide): Over many months staff has been working to update the many bus maps and schedules located throughout the community on circular holders. A project to encourage use of the many available transit services, the holders rotate to give easy access to information for riders and residents who would like to start to ride! Several holders have been damaged and some new locations have been identified; these will be installed in the coming weeks. (*Housing and Community Development*)

16. Y.E.S. League Summer Basketball is Officially Here!: Open gym and practice for the 2011 Youth Expose to Success summer basketball league has officially started. All players will have the opportunity take advantage of an open high school style basketball practice from Monday thru Thursday, 6:00 p.m. 7:30 pm. Open gym will be from Monday to Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 pm. Practice and open gym will be held at Piney Branch gym (7510 Maple Avenue.) Team and individual registrations are being accepted and are open to girls and boys, grades 5-8 and 9-12 (must be entering grade in fall 2011). For more information, please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

17. Tennis Clinic is Off to a Great Start!: Tuesday, May 10, was an exciting day for 20 Takoma Park tennis players. The spring tennis clinic is in full swing and participants started out by learning some basic tennis techniques. An emphasis was placed on fun and individual instruction. Because of the popularity of the program space has been opened up for wait list participants.

Takoma Park Tennis Clinic

Tuesdays, May 10 - June 7, 2011

3:45 - 4:45 PM (Ages 7 - 9)

4:45 - 5:45 PM (Ages 10 - 13)

Takoma Park Middle School (Tennis Courts are behind the school)

(*Recreation*)

18. Ladies Boot Camp Starts a New Session: Ladies Boot Camp began a new session at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 10th. Come on out and register for this fun-filled class by contacting John Webster at 301-891-7289. (*Recreation*)

19. Zumba Class Begins: With a new instructor and a new attitude, Zumba class kicked off at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 11. The instructor, Kim Pope, led everyone through a workout with hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves. Kim has one goal for everyone: she wants you to work out, to love working out, and to get hooked. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (*Recreation*)

20. Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!: On Wednesday, May 11, Carey Antoszewski and Gregory Clark visited Race Wear in Marley Station to begin talks for a Slot Car Race event scheduled for November 12, 2011. Keeps your tires to the ground for more information on this fast and fun event! (*Recreation*)

21. **Teens On The Move:** This summer, teens ages 13 -16, will be on the move with the Recreation Department, engaging in a variety of fun activities, career development workshops and community oriented programs. A weekly balance will be placed on exercise through sports and outdoor team building activities, fun field trips, off site career excursions and community service projects. In addition, teens will have time to socialize, incorporate creative ideas and express themselves. Teens on the Move will run from July 5 to July 22, with a weekly fee of \$120 for residents and \$140 for non-residents . For more information, contact Faye Wright at 301 891-7283 or by email at Fayew@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

22. **The Chief's Meeting:** On 5-9, Chief Ricucci attended a meeting with the director of the Man Up program, which is a mentoring program for troubled youth. (*Police*)

23. **Officers in Training:** On May 9 through 11, various sworn personnel at the police department attended 2011 Spring Range Firearms Training in Sykesville, Maryland. (*Police*)

24. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 142 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds, one warrant service from traffic, one arrest from traffic and one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic.

During May 6-12, 2011, the following details were completed:

May 6, 2011

- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations for seatbelt violations, one other State citation and one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Various locations in the city (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued two State citations.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations.

May 7, 2011

- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (various violations) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued six State citations.
- Various locations in the city (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations for seatbelt violations and one other State citation.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for seatbelt violations and one other State citation.

May 8, 2011

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Various locations in the city (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued two State citations.

May 9, 2011

- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt violations) - conducted a 3-hour detail and issued 20 State citations.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 14 State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

May 10, 2011

- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 3 ½-hour detail and issued 31 State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued 10 State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign & seatbelt enforcements) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one State citations for seatbelt violation.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.

May 11, 2011

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seatbelt violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- 13th Place & Erskine Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seat belt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 2-hour detail and issued 18 State citations.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued 14 State citations.
- Various locations in the city (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations and four warnings.

May 12, 2011

- 900 block of Merrimac Drive (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

(Police)

25. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (May 6 - May 11, 2011) may be viewed online at

http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/05/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_12.html. *(Police)*

26. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week ending 5/11/11

Hours worked: 38

Calls for service: 3

State Citations issued: 129

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 1

Warnings: 1

City tickets: 3

Reports: 4

On View Arrests: 1

Foot: 13½ hours

(Police)